

Mississippi Autism Board

February 26, 2016 9:30 am

401 Mississippi Street

Jackson, MS 39201

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, February 26, 2016, at 9:35 a.m. at the Secretary of State’s Office in the Heber Ladner Building, 401 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Present: Jim Moore-Chair, Kasee Stratton-Secretary, Nicole Boyd- Board Member, Emily Johnson, Curtis Anders, Preston Goff, and Secretary of State Interns.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. James Moore, Chairman, welcomed members of the Board and guests in attendance from the Secretary of State’s Office.

First Matter of Business

The first matter of business brought by the Board regarded authorizing monthly billing for applicant background checks by the Secretary of State’s finance division. Moore made a motion to authorize the Secretary of State’s finance division to process payment for background checks and other bills related to the licensure process. Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Second Matter of Business

The Board has received a few phone calls regarding the contents of the oral examination for applicants for licensure. A letter is provided to applicants upon receipt of the application form, along with fingerprint cards for criminal background checks. The letter states the content of the examination.

Third Matter of Business

The Secretary of State’s office has received some concerns regarding the Scope of Services that was previously provided to Medicaid. The Board moved to resent the Scope of Services, as an additional follow-up. Additionally, the Board continues to encourage practitioners with concerns regarding Medicaid to contact the guild organization for applied behavior analysis in the state, BAAMS.

Fourth Matter of Business

At the present time, no criminal background checks had been returned to the Board. Moore moved that the Board see fit on a case-by-case basis to schedule oral exams, Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Boyd moved that the Board proceed with scheduling oral examinations and upon passing the oral examination, an applicant’s licensure would be pending until an approved and cleared criminal background check was received. Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Boyd made a motion to move into executive session to review applications and to finalize examination questions and Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 10:09 am.

The executive session of the Board was opened at 10:09 am. Boyd made a motion to adjourn executive session at 12:46 pm and to move back into the regular business meeting. Stratton seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Moore provided remarks that the Board had finalized the examination process for licensure and all applicants have been reviewed. Completed applications would begin receiving letters to schedule their oral examinations. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Boyd. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.